



GUN USER BROUGHT TO LOCAL JAIL ON DEATH OF VICTIM

Harvey Austin, Official at Vanceburg Dam, Is Charged With Wilful Murder at the Death of His Friend Charles Bertam.

Charles Bertam, popular Vanceburg, operator, who was shot at the home of John McKellup in Vanceburg, Friday, December 17th, died at the Hempstead Hospital in Portsmouth, Ohio, last Friday night and immediately Harvey Austin, one of the foremen on the Vanceburg dam, who fired the shot, was placed under arrest charged with wilful murder.

Austin was brought to Maysville Friday evening and lodged in the Mason county jail. He was returned to Vanceburg this morning by the Lewis county officials for an examining trial before the County Judge of Lewis county.

Austin, is a native of Monroe, N. C., 31 years of age and married but has no children. Bertam, who was shot, is well known in Maysville. He is a son of Judge Bertam, the police judge of Vanceburg, a brother of Dr. Bertam, well known Vanceburg Physician. He is 32 years of age, married but has no children. Austin and Bertam were the best of friends.

Austin, in talking to a representative of the Public Ledger in the local jail this morning, stated that the whole affair was the result of Bertam's joking. He said Bertam and he were the best of friends and on Friday night he with John McKellup, wife and two children, were sitting about the fire at McKellup's home discussing the crime wave which has been sweeping the country when they heard a noise at the front of the house as if some one were endeavoring to enter the house. He said he called to learn who the party was and no one answered but again an attempt was made to enter the front door. Austin says he then fired through the bottom of the door into the ground demanding to know who it was attempting to enter the house but there was no answer but the party threw himself against the door to force it open and this time Austin fired through the center of the door to force it open and this time of the door threw it open and it was seen that it was Bertam and that Austin had shot him in the left side. The wounded man was rushed to a Portsmouth hospital where he was thought to be improving very satisfactorily until Friday when he took a sudden change for the worse and died Friday evening.

REV. FINNELL RESIGNS; CONGREGATION IS SPLIT

Former Mason County Pastor Resigns Louisville Pastorate Following Membership Split.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says:

A disagreement between the congregation of the Clifton Christian church and their pastor, the Rev. Dr. J. Leslie Finnell, was revealed yesterday when Dr. Finnell announced his resignation and acceptance of a call from the First Christian Church at Paris, Texas.

Dr. Finnell has been pastor of the church for about six months. During the autumn he formulated a plan for the merger of his congregation and that of the Crescent Hill Christian church. When the parishioners recently met and objected to the plan, voting it down, Dr. Finnell immediately resigned, and the cause became known yesterday.

He came to Louisville in June, having been connected previously with the extension department of Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky. Dr. Finnell is a native of Missouri and a graduate both of the academic and theological schools of Transylvania College. The Clifton church has not chosen his successor.

Dr. Finnell accepted the Texas pulpit for a period of six months, ending June 1. After that he and Mrs. Finnell will chaperone a party of twenty-five tourists on a tour through European countries. The tour is to be conducted by Prof. G. L. Spillman of the University of Louisville.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB.

We will operate a Christmas Club in 1921, the same as we have done heretofore. We opened the first Christmas Club in Maysville and have found by experience what we believe, and think you will find, to be the most satisfactory system.

You can deposit any amount any time and get interest twice a year. No fixed amounts or dates and you do not lose your interest if you miss a payment. We give you a book instead of a card. Join any time, you are always welcome.

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BANK OF MAYSVILLE.

FIVE OVERCOME BY GAS AT CHURCH CELEBRATION

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 27. — Five persons were overcome and many members of Calvary Baptist church became ill from gas fumes which filled the church during a Christmas entertainment. A clogged chimney caused the trouble.

COST 26 CENTS PER POUND TO RAISE TOBACCO IN 1919

Kentucky University Experts Compile Figures On Investigation Showing Cost of Growing the Tobacco.

The average cost of producing and marketing Burley tobacco in 1919 was twenty-six cents per pound and that of dark tobacco 17.2 cents per pound, according to a preliminary report of a study of eighty-one farms in the Burley district and seventy in the dark tobacco district of the state, soon to be issued by the College of Agriculture of the University of Kentucky.

The report was compiled by W. D. Nichols, head of the Department of Farm Management of the college, and F. W. Peck, of the office of Farm Management and Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The study was continued through the 1920 season, but owing to the fact that the tobacco grown this year has not been marketed, no estimates of the final cost are yet available, according to officials of the department. The 1919 report is expected to be off the press shortly after January 1.

The summary of the report follows: "Tobacco cost studies were conducted on 61 farms in the Burley area, covering 625.5 acres of tobacco, producing 713,572 pounds. This acreage constituted approximately 8 per cent. on the average, of the total acres in these farms.

"The average tobacco acreage on the farms included in this study in the Burley district was 7.7 acres, the largest acreage was 36.6 and the smallest 1.2. In the dark tobacco area the average acreage per farm was 9.5 acres, the largest 42 acres and the smallest 2.5 acres.

"The highest yield per acre on the farms studied in the Burley district was 2,224 pounds; the lowest 278 pounds, and the average 1,141 pounds. Similarly, in the dark tobacco area, the highest yield per acre was 1,876 pounds, the lowest 304 pounds and the average 825 pounds.

"The total cost per acre, including land rent, on the farms studied in the Burley district ranged from \$166.06 to \$403.18, averaging \$283.10, with over one-half of the acreage being produced at between \$200 and \$300 per acre, while in the dark tobacco area the total cost per acre varied from \$100.02 to \$308.19, averaging \$141.76. Over one-half the acreage was grown at a cost of \$125 to \$150 per acre.

"The cost per pound in the Burley district varied from 15 cents to 31 cents, averaging approximately 26 cents. Ninety per cent. of the tobacco was grown at a cost of 31 cents or less. In the dark tobacco area the range in cost per pound was from 9 cents to 38 cents, averaging 17.2 cents. Over 90 per cent. of the tobacco was produced at 23 cents or less.

"Of the total cost in the Burley district man labor constituted 42 per cent, land rent 34.3 per cent., barns and sticks 9.6 per cent., horse labor 6.7 per cent., insurance 4 per cent., and other and machinery costs amounted to 2.9 per cent. Without land rent as cost, man and horse labor constituted approximately 75 per cent. and the other items 25 per cent. of the total cost. In the dark tobacco area man labor constituted 49.4 per cent. of the total cost, land rent 7.1 per cent., horse labor 12.6 per cent., barns and sticks, 7.1 per cent., insurance 4.4 per cent., and other items 8.7 per cent. Excluding land rent as cost, man and horse labor amounted to approximately 75 per cent. and the other items 25 per cent. of the total cost.

"In each district the combined operation of stripping and marketing was the principal item of labor with cutting and housing second in the Burley district and topping, worming and suckering second in the dark tobacco district."

ALL READY!

The big, light, roomy HOME is now open for the reception of Tobacco. Has full equipment and the best handlers of tobacco ever on the Maysville market. For prompt service and best prices, take your tobacco to the HOME. You can get in any hour of the day or night from now until close of market. Good restaurant and ample stable room on premises. Market opens January 4, 1921.

MASONIC NOTICE.

Stated communication of Maysville Lodge, No. 52, F. & A. M., this evening at 7 o'clock. Election of officers and conferring of M. M. degree. All members urged to be present.

E. M. SMITH, W. M.
C. P. RASP, Secretary.

Mr. Vincent Ellis, of Lexington, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ellis, of Fourth street.

NAMES OF DESERTERS IN DRAFT TO BE PUBLISHED

Government Will Soon Publish the Names of Those Who Deserted Selective Service Draft.

Washington, December 27. — Draft deserters whose names have been lullied to rest by more than two years of security from prosecution are about to receive an unpleasant surprise, for the names of 173,911 of them are shortly to be published in their "home towns" as a preliminary step to bringing them to a speedy trial, the War department announced today. The greatest care will be exercised in making up the list of deserters lest the names of innocent men be included, department officials stated.

Over 151,000 men have been found to be improperly registered as deserters by State adjutant generals and local draft boards. The lists are being checked against the records of men who served in the army, navy and marine corps in the war. The department defines "wilful draft deserters" as men who registered under the provisions of the selective service law, but failed to report for military duty at the time and place specified. Under the law they are held to have been inducted into service from the date on which they were ordered to report, and since they have never been discharged, are still under military jurisdiction and are liable to trial by general court-martial for desertion.

FAMILY REUNION AND CHRISTMAS DINNER.

A very happy day was spent at the home of Chas. H. Humphries when he entertained his six children and their families with an old-fashioned family reunion and a Christmas dinner.

Dinner being served at 12 o'clock as it was in Mr. Humphries' boyhood days some 63 years ago.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Humphries, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Mae Nye, of Wyoming, Ill.; M. M. Humphries and family; R. H. Humphries, wife and infant daughter; Mrs. James E. Brown and family; another son, Walter Humphries of Detroit, being unable to be present but sent a very pleasant greeting to all.

Covers were laid for 20. A very happy time was had by all. When at 5 o'clock they all went to a daughter, Mrs. James E. Brown's, for a Christmas supper, where after a late hour returned home, after a very happy evening spent with music and song.

Mr. M. M. Humphries and young daughter, Anna Laura, will entertain his family Monday eve with a large dinner in honor of his father and brothers and sisters, some of whom have not met for eighteen years. There will be music and games and a very enjoyable time is expected.

COLD WAVE EDUF.

A cold wave will follow snow surries Monday night, W. C. Devereaux, weather forecaster, announces. The mercury will drop to ten degrees Monday night and be near the zero mark by Tuesday night, he predicts.

Strong west and northwest winds are sweeping toward Cincinnati. Temperature was 19 to 20 degrees below zero in the Dakotas and near zero in Kansas and Missouri Monday.

HEAVY LOSS IN QUEEN CITY HOTEL FIRE.

Fire broke out at 1 o'clock this morning in the famous old Burnet house in Cincinnati and much damage was done to the building and its contents. The loss is roughly estimated at \$25,000. Three firemen were injured but all the guests at the hotel escaped.

BAND'S CHRISTMAS TREAT TO CITIZENS VERY ENTERTAINING

Maysville Boys' Band Gives Delightful Christmas Concert at Washington Theater Sunday Afternoon to Crowded House.

The Christmas gift to the public given by the Boys' Band in the form of a concert at the Washington theater Sunday afternoon was certainly one of the most enjoyable community affairs in Maysville's history. The theater was filled to its capacity and the boys and girls never made better music. The Christmas spirit pervaded the theater and every one entered heartily into the afternoon's pleasure.

Of course Maysvillians have always been proud of this splendid band but never before have they felt prouder than did those who were fortunate enough to hear their Christmas concert. No band could please Maysvillians now that they have become so thoroughly acquainted with our own band. Their program Sunday afternoon was such that the highest class organization might offer on a similar occasion and it could not have been better received.

Mr. Barnard, the director, certainly deserves the highest praise for the quality of music he is enabled to produce from the band and the members of the band are certainly to be congratulated upon the opportunity to learn under Mr. Barnard and so readily learn his system.

The second band's first public appearance was hailed by the large audience with loud applause. These children are certainly showing wonderful ability in so short a time and before long, if they continue to improve as they have in the past few weeks, they will be enabled to join with the main band.

With every public appearance of this organization those business men who are financing the project feel prouder of their having contributed to the fund. The board of managers are giving liberally of their time, talents and finances to make the band a success and they are putting their time, talents and money into a splendid investment which is now yielding them large returns.

Colonel J. Barbour Russell, the manager, deserves much credit for the success of the organization. He gives liberally of his time and money to the band and enjoys the music more than most any other person in the community. His untiring zeal has caused much favorable comment.

GETS THIRTY DAYS FOR STEALING GUN; APPEALS

Hotel Porter Is Given Jail Sentence in Police Court and Appeals Case to Mason Circuit Court.

James Hawkins, colored, Central Hotel porter, who was arrested last week on a charge of stealing a valuable revolver from the grip of Mr. E. B. Perrine, was tried before Judge John L. Whitaker in Police Court this afternoon on a charge of petit larceny.

The evidence against Hawkins was all circumstantial but was so strong that Judge Whitaker adjudged him guilty and fixed his punishment at thirty days in the county jail. Attorney Frank P. O'Donnell, who represented Hawkins, served notice that an appeal will be taken to the Mason Circuit Court.

Hawkins was sent to deliver the grip to the home of Mr. B. O. Pickett from the Central Hotel and it was charged that he removed the revolver from the grip while en route.

DRANK HAIR TONIC—FINED.

George Sanders, colored, porter at a local barber shop, was fined \$16 in Police Court this afternoon on a charge of being drunk. When arrested George carried a hair tonic bottle in his pocket, the contents of which he had drunk.

FORMER BRACKEN JUDGE TO TEACH AT DOVER.

Mr. Henry Pfanzell, of Brooksville, who until recently was County Judge of Bracken county, has been elected to fill the vacancy as Principal of the Dover High School. Mr. Pfanzell will begin his duties on Monday morning.

TODD-BEACOM.

Mr. Bertie Williams Beacom, aged 23, of Taylorsville, Ky., and Miss Mabel Todd, aged 20, of this city, were quietly married this afternoon by Rev. W. S. Peters, of the Third Street M. E. church.

LISTEN LESTER MAN HERE.

The advance man for "Listen Lester," John Cori's biggest musical success, was in Maysville today making arrangements for the appearance of the show at the Washington on January 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Roberts and son, Gordon, of Harriman, Tenn., are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gilmore, of Lexington.

ITALIAN TROOPS ARE SLOWLY CLOSING IN AROUND FIUME

Federal Troops Are Surrounding d'Annunzio's City Which Is Certain to Fall Within a Few Hours.

London, Dec. 27. — Italian government troops are slowly, but inexorably, closing the iron ring around Fiume, where Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio and his little force of legionaries are standing siege. Reports from the city are meager, but it appears that the soldiers commanded by General Caviglia have forced the d'Annunzio lines back into the outskirts of the city, and that the fall of the city may not be delayed long.

Land and sea forces, arrayed against d'Annunzio began to move forward yesterday and advices indicate that the grip they had taken had reduced the legionaries in Fiume to an almost hopeless position. The land advance was made from three directions, and did not encounter any resistance. The d'Annunzio soldiers fell back as the government troops moved ahead, and it was declared that the poet-soldier had directed his officers not to open fire on the advancing forces until he had personally given orders to that effect. The Italian regulars are understood to be under orders not to fire unless compelled to do so.

MAKE HUNTINGTON THEIR HOME.

Mr. W. H. Voige, after spending the Christmas season with relatives here, left this morning for Huntington, W. Va., where he is now employed. He was accompanied by Mrs. Voige and they will make their home in that city.

WED CHRISTMAS DAY.

Mr. Nathaniel Dudley Lytle, aged 24, of Flemingsburg, and Miss Margaret Denton, aged 21, of this city, were married here on Christmas day by Rev. W. S. Peters.

Misses Flora and Lou Dunham and Mr. Verne Dunham, of Dover, and Mr. Everett Dunham, of Harlan, Ky., were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nowor, of East Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ellis and family spent Christmas day in Portsmouth with relatives.

Mr. Ernest "Jack" Ort, of Detroit, Mich., is spending the holidays here with his parents, Chief of Police and Mrs. H. A. Ort, of Front street.

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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.

"When the Yule log roars and crackles; when tiny ears are strained to hear the patter of fairy feet upon the roof; when the gentle Christmas Spirit permeates the heart and softens stony glances; when life mellows out into a kinder acceptance of the failings of others and we know by all these signs that it is Christmas, we send to you and ask you to join us in our heartfelt wish that the spirit of Christmas may triumph in the world."

Yours, forever,

MIKE BROWN

The Square Deal Man
of Square Deal Square.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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